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SUBJECT: PR CONGRESSIONAL VISIT TO BELIZE

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FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR BELIZE AFFAIRS, FERNANDO SANCHEZ LAZO, TOLD EMBOFFS AUGUST 28 THAT PARTIDO REVOLUCIONARIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISIT TO BELIZE ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED FOR AUGUST 23 NOW SCHEDULED FOR MORNING SEPT. 1. PR SOURCE TOLD US GROUP WILL TRAVEL IN AVIATECA PLANE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE BY GOG. SANCHEZ SAID THAT BELIZE GOVERNMENT HAS TOLD GOG THAT WHILE IT DOES NOT WELCOME VISIT NEITHER WILL IT OBSTRUCT IT. HOWEVER, SANCHEZ BELIEVES IT UNLIKELY PRICE WILL MEET WITH DELEGATION AND WITH GOVERNOR OUT OF TOWN, PR GROUP, CONSISTING OF NINE CONGRESSMEN, I.E., ALMOST ENTIRE PR CONGRESSIONAL BLOC, MAY BE LIMITED TO TALKS WITH OPPOSITION AND SECOND LEVEL OFFICIALS. LARGE PRESS DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY VISIT (SANCHEZ THOUGHT 16 AND PR DEPUTY TOLD US 02) IS FURTHER INDICATION VISIT, IF IT OCCURS, LIKELY PRODUCE FAR MORE RHETORIC THAN RESULTS. ANDREWS

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